

Tri-State Riding Club Meeting Minutes – July 16, 2015

Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center, Leesburg, VA

Attendees: Pat Brescia, July Brescia, Liz Shockley, Elaine Meilahn, Linda Giannino, Mary Gustafson, Nicole Caruso, Jessica Eads, Robyn Harter, Rosemary Lawler, and Sonja Adams

Pat Brescia called the meeting to order.

The Treasurer's Report was read.

Reports from Riding Directors.

English Camp Review – Robyn Harter: Improvement in LFF's cross-country course was noted, resulting in no need to travel to Gordonsdale course for the camps. All spots in all three camps were filled and Robyn recruited about 10 new TSRC members in the process.

Western Camp Review – Linda Giannino: Western camp was full and a friendly competition was held as a camp 'finale'. Currently, the camp is held at two locations during the week, Morven Park and Ride on Ranch, and will likely continue with that format for 2016.

English Lesson Program – Mary Gustafson: When conflicts in scheduling occur for the Morven Park facility, TSRC will be using Chapel View in Lucketts and TruLiberty in Lovettsville. All of the English lesson slots are currently full, so additional lessons are offered when possible. Pat suggested that we consider offering lessons throughout the winter as well as additional lessons to the current schedule. He noted that the membership is now at 129 (with 84 total slots for 2015 camps).

Western Lesson Program – Linda Giannino: Lessons continue to be held during the day and evening weekly at Morven Park.

Dressage Camp – Mary Gustafson: All camp slots have been filled and a wait list started.

New business.

There appears to be interest in once again holding a '**cow camp**' in December. Rosemary Lawler knows of a source for suitable (i.e., small) cattle.

Liz Shockley has agreed to, once again, organize a **trail ride** in October (date TBD), open to club membership at no charge. She will investigate the possibility of a luncheon after the ride. The club will offer to donate \$500 to Camp Highroad as a 'thank you' for use of the trails.

Linda Giannino agreed to check with Ride on Ranch for use for the TSRC holiday party in February.

Judith Lafleur-Lovegrove submitted a flyer for an 'Introduction to Foxhunting' on August 1, 8 and 15 offered by Casanova Hunt.

The TSRC membership form will have a statement added with a 'check-off' box to ensure that members know that once they sign up for a lesson that they are responsible for payment or for obtaining a replacement rider.

An amazing short video from English camp was presented by Pat Brescia, entitled 'The Catch'.

Free lesson drawing was won by Rosemary Lawler.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Elaine Meilahn (sitting in for Sharon Peart)